

Assemblymember Christine Kehoe

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In the News...

Working to protect homeowners

After last year's devastating wildfires, many victims who lost their homes are finding they were unknowingly underinsured – despite the fact that their insurance companies led them to believe they were adequately covered.

In response to this, California State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi is pushing a package of legislation to overhaul the homeowner insurance industry, dubbing it the "Homeowners Bill of Rights." The package of legislation includes my fire bill AB 2199, which would provide property owners with additional time on their insurance policy to repair, rebuild or replace damaged or destroyed property and allow policyholders to consider rebuilding at a different location if they choose.

To read a recently published article on this, go to the *San Diego Union Tribune's* website at http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20040428/news_7m28firebill.html

Protecting our Investment in the San Diego Chargers

I recently authored legislation that sought to protect the public investment in professional sports. AB 3003 applies to situations where a team is under contract with a city or county that has a public investment in the team. When that team then decides to move to another city where they are also seeking a public investment, this bill would require the second city to reimburse the first city for lost revenue.

Unfortunately, this legislation failed to get enough support to pass the Committee on Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media. This bill is not about one team or one city. This is a statewide issue. This bill is not about restricting the movement of sports teams. I believe that when the investment has been made, the public dollars should be protected. I'll continue to work to protect your public investment.

An article on the issue recently appeared in the *San Diego Union Tribune*, to read it, go to <http://www.signonsandiego.com/sports/chargers/20040428-9999-1m28bolts.html>.

Fewer Mission Bay Closures

Mission Bay is a popular entertainment destination for families, water enthusiasts, picnickers, locals and tourists alike. Unfortunately, the bay is often closed due to water pollution from contaminated runoff.

The State Water Resources Control Board recently approved a 1.25 million-dollar Clean Beaches Initiative Grant for Mission Bay. San Diego will use the grant funds to install a centralized irrigation system at several landscaped areas around the bay. Installation of this system will eliminate the runoff of excess irrigation water to the bay. This should help reduce the incidence of bacterial warnings at the bay's beaches. This will improve the quality and beneficial uses of the water in the bay. The grant money is made available through Proposition 13 funds.

The State Board's mission is to preserve, enhance and restore the quality of California's water resources, and ensure their proper allocation and efficient use for the benefit of present and future generations. To learn more about them and their programs <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/>

100% rating with the California League of Conservation Voters

Every year the California League of Conservation Voters (CLCV) publishes a Legislative Report Card rating how legislators voted on environmental bills established to protect the health and beauty of our state. I'm delighted to announce that I received a score of 100 percent for their 2003 report card!

I am honored to serve California for many reasons, and one of them is that we are leaders on environmental issues. What we do here in California is a model for other states. Our individual efforts, regional leadership, and state coordination will ensure that California maintains its commitment to the environment. California's environmental policy is especially critical right now, as federal protections are being rolled back.

This year I had the opportunity to support measures to reduce air pollution, protect the forest ecosystem, and enable businesses to more easily use clean electricity generation technologies such as fuel cells and photovoltaic solar panels.

The report, designed to assist Californians in evaluating their legislators' support for environmental legislation, can be viewed at www.lcv.org.

Tierrasanta Patriot's Day Parade

The Tierrasanta Patriot's Day Parade, which serves as a symbol of what makes Tierrasanta such a great place to live, will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 15th.

The Parade moves along a 6/10-mile route from Serra High School through the main commercial area of Tierrasanta and disperses on the Farb Middle School grounds. Fireworks will be seen in the evening, and a Spaghetti Dinner will be held from 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Tierrasanta Community Park, at 11220 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

For more information on the parade, contact Hani Shatila at (858) 268-0044.

Education Town Hall - May 7

You are invited to join me at town hall meeting to discuss how to help protect California's investment in higher education.

The town hall will be held at UCSD's Institute of Americas on Friday, May 7, at 10 a.m. Contact me at Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov for more information on the event.

Brochures Available

My office provides a variety of free brochures that can give you information on everything from state parks and energy saving tips to how to lobby the State Legislature.

Brochures available:

- California State Parks in San Diego County
- Golden State ScholarShare program
- Important Information Regarding your Privacy
- California State Map
- Summer Driving Tips
- Bicycle Safety
- Legislative Activity Book for kids
- Senior Resources Guide

If you are interested in receiving any of these brochures, please email me at

Assemblymember.Kehoe@assembly.ca.gov.

On April 26 I received the Legislator of the Year Award from the California Federation of Teachers based on my support of education and education professionals.



CFT President Mary Bergan presents the Legislator of the Year Award



This acknowledgment is especially important to me because the California Federation of Teachers works to empower and further the objectives of teachers, school administrators, and school staff. For more information on them, go to www.cft.org.